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# ANNUAL REPORT

On the Health

of the District

for the year

1970

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*Presented by*

**The Medical Officer of Health**

*and*

**The Chief Public Health Inspector**



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Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I beg to present the Annual Report of the District during 1970, drawn up in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Health and Social Security Circular, 1/71, dated January 1971.

The estimated population mid-year showed a decrease of 100. The Standardised Birth Rate of 14.5 per 1,000 population was a little below that for 1969 and below the National Rate of 16.0. On the other hand the Standardised Death Rate of 9.9 per 1,000 population was lower than that for 1969 and lower than the National Rate of 11.7. As usual the majority of deaths (75 out of 138) were due to heart and cerebro-vascular and circulatory diseases.

Notifications from the Divisional Veterinary Officer of farms in which Salmonella infections occurred continued to give rise for concern, but there was a marked drop in notifications of Brucella Abortus.

Due to pressure being brought to bear on the Regional Hospital Board by your Council and Medical Officer, sessions of the Miniature Mass Radiography Unit were re-started monthly at Okehampton in October 1970.

Your good record for the provision and maintenance of Sewage Works continues with submission of the Jacobstowe Scheme for approval by the Department of the Environment, and approval being granted for the Belstone/South Tawton Scheme.

The latest Council House Scheme at Hatherleigh has included the very much needed Old People's Bungalows with a Warden. Your Council has a good record in the provision of accommodation for the elderly, which need is likely to be increasingly necessary in the future.

The general health of the district remains good.

Finally, I should like to thank the Chairman, Councillors and Staff for their continued consideration and support.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Your obedient Servant,

MARY E. BUDDING.

Medical Officer of Health.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF**

### **Medical Officer of Health**

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M. BOOTH

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J. F. O'KEEFFE

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MISS B. DOWN

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T. J. BURDUS, M.A.P.H.I., M.A.M.I.

### **Senior Authorised Meat Inspector**

I. McMILLAN

## **PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE**

The following members of the Council served on the Public Health and Housing Committee during the year.

### **Chairman: Mr. S. P. S. PERKIN**

Mr. C. T. P. Abell	Mr. J. Hill
Mr. E. R. Badcock	Mr. R. R. Kelly
Mr. F. J. Baker	Major W. R. A. Kettle
Mr. G. Bennett	Mr. A. J. Knapman
Lt Col. V. W. Calmady-Hamlyn	Mr. R. C. Leventhorpe
Mr. P. Cleverdon	Mr. G. E. D. Parsons
Mr. J. Darch	Mr. C. J. Petherick
Mr. F. Dennis	Mrs. R. A. Rattenbury
Mr. T. W. Endacott	Mr. J. I. Reddaway
Mr. F. H. Fishleigh	Mr. W. J. Reed
Mrs. P. A. Fletcher	Mr. J. E. B. Wells
Mr. F. Gerrard	Mr. F. C. Western
Mrs. M. M. Hampson	



## SECTION "A"

### General Statistics

Area (Statute acres)	...	...	...	...	...	132,516
Population—1951 Census	...	...	...	...	...	12,629
Population—1961 Census	...	...	...	...	...	11,994
Estimated mid-year population—1970	...	...	...	...	...	11,110
Parishes	...	...	...	...	...	27
Number of inhabited dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	4,057
Rateable value	...	...	...	...	...	£241,709
Product of the Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£948
Loan Debt	...	...	...	...	...	£867,256

### Vital Statistics

Live Births					Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	59	56	115
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	6	5	11
							126
Deaths					72	66	138

Population	Year	Mid-year Population	Birth Rate	Death Rate
	1966	11,390	13.9	13.5
	1967	11,340	13.5	13.7
	1968	11,300	13.2	12.8
	1969	11,210	12.1	14.0
	1970	11,110	11.3	12.4

### Live Births

Number	...	...	126	England and Wales
Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	11.3	16.0
Standardised Birth Rate	...	...	14.5	

### Illegitimate Live Births

(per cent of total births)	...	...	9%	8%
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### Still Births

Number	...	...	1	
Rate per 1,000 total live/stillbirths	...	...	8	13

### Total Live and Stillbirths

127

### Infant Deaths

(deaths under 1 year)	...	...	4	
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### Infant Mortality Rates

Infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	...	...	32	18
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	35	17
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	—	26

### Neo-Natal Mortality Rates

(deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	...	...	32	12
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### Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate

(deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	...	...	32	11
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<b>Perinatal Mortality Rate</b> (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths) ... ..	39	England and Wales 23
<b>Maternal Mortality</b> (including abortion) Number of deaths ... ..	Nil	
Rate per 1,000 total live and still- births ... ..	—	
<b>Deaths</b> Number of Deaths ... ..	138	
Crude death rate per 1,000 popu- lation ... ..	12.4	11.7
Standardised death rate ... ..	9.9	

### Chief Causes of Death

Tuberculosis (non-pulm.)	...	...	...	1
Malignant Neoplasms	...	...	...	21
Anaemias	...	...	...	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	...	...	...	1
Hypertensive Heart Disease	...	...	...	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	...	...	...	29
Other Heart Diseases	...	...	...	14
Cerebro-vascular Disease	...	...	...	24
Other Circulatory Diseases	...	...	...	5
Influenza	...	...	...	3
Pneumonia	...	...	...	10
Bronchitis and Emphysema	...	...	...	6
Cirrhosis of Liver	...	...	...	1
Internal Obstruction and Hernia	...	...	...	1
Other Diseases of the Digestive System	...	...	...	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	...	...	1
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	...	...	...	1
Birth Injury, etc.	...	...	...	3
Ill defined Diseases	...	...	...	2
Motor Accidents	...	...	...	2
Other Accidents	...	...	...	4
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	...	...	...	3
				138

### Age of Death Table

	Male	Female
Under 4 weeks	2	2
4 weeks and under 1 year	—	—
1—4 years	—	—
5—14 years	—	—
15—24 years	—	—
25—34 years	1	—
35—44 years	—	2
45—54 years	5	2
55—64 years	12	7
65—74 years	24	13
75 years and over	28	40
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		72
		66
		—

## **SECTION "B"**

### **General Provision of Health Services**

#### **1. Hospitals**

There are two hospitals in the town. The Memorial Hospital (including maternity beds) and the Castle Hospital (for chronic sick and Geriatric cases). Both of these serve the town and also the large rural area outside the town.

#### **2. County Council Services**

Under the National Health Service Act, 1946, the County Council provides the following services (based largely on the Okehampton Health Centre (Okehampton 2231) in the grounds of the Memorial Hospital, also providing accommodation for the General Practitioners in the town): Domiciliary Midwifery, Home Nursing, Health Visitors, Supervisory care of expectant and nursing mothers and children under 5. School Medical Service, Home Help Services, Chiropody, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Dental Service for children up to school-leaving age, expectant and nursing mothers, Cervical Cytology and Family Planning Clinics Mental Health Service, Vaccination and Immunisation procedures. The Orthopaedic Clinic is held each Monday on the premises.

The Ambulance Service is run under delegated powers by the St. John Ambulance Brigade, providing a 24-hour cover for the whole district.

#### **3. "Meals-on-Wheels"**

Mrs. Young (Chagford), the Organiser of this W.R.V.S. Service, reports that the kitchen facilities at the Jubilee Hall, Chagford, have been improved, and meals are sent to South Zeal, Throwleigh, Sticklepath, Drewsteignton, as well as Chagford itself.

From the kitchen at Tenby House, Okehampton, meals continue to be sent to Folly Gate, Hatherleigh, Exbourne, and North Tawton.

#### **4. War Memorial Hospital Maternity Unit**

During the year 99 babies were born in the hospital, of whom the majority were from the Rural District.

#### **5. Laboratory Services**

Bacteriological examinations of specimens and of samples of milk, water, ice cream, etc., are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory at Exeter, and any chemical analyses by the Public Analyst at Exeter.

#### **6. Miniature Mass Radiography Unit**

After persistent requests to the Regional Hospital Board by your Council and your Medical Officer, the Unit was re-established monthly at the Market Car Park, Okehampton. This concession, from no visits at all from September 1969, to monthly instead of fortnightly, was welcomed. The Service was resumed in October 1970.

Although repeated requests have also been made by your Medical Officer for visits to Hatherleigh and Chagford for the past 3 years none have been made in 1970, but one was eventually promised in the Spring 1971 to Hatherleigh.



## SECTION "C"

### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

#### Water Supply

Mr. E. A. Robb, the Chief Engineer of the North Devon Water Board has kindly supplied the following information:

"The supply to this area is derived from (1) the West Okement River, the water receiving treatment in the form of sedimentation, filtration, pH correction and sterilization at Prewley Treatment Works, and (2) from wells on Taw Marsh, the water receiving treatment in the form of pH correction and sterilization at Belstone Treatment Works.

The source at Prewley was augmented during the summer by pumping from an emergency source at Meldon Lake and an additional supply was obtained from Plymouth Corporation Waterworks through a temporary overland main to supply the Horrabridge area and relieve the high demand on Prewley Works.

The source at Belstone was also augmented during the summer by pumping from emergency sources at Chagford, North Tawton and Bugford Quarry.

It was necessary to apply hosepipe restrictions from the 28th May, 1970 to the 18th September, 1970 in areas supplied from the Board's Dartmoor sources, and Emergency Drought Orders were introduced on the Rivers Taw and West Okement with effect from the 25th June 1970 which enabled the Board to reduce the prescribed flow in these rivers.

The Meldon Dam project was commenced in March 1970, and progress during the year was satisfactory.

Mains extensions and water supply schemes to serve housing developments have been undertaken where required and the distribution system has been maintained in good order.

Satisfactory chemical and bacteriological samples, taken at regular intervals, have been obtained".

#### Analysis of Water Supplies (Private and Public)

The following samples were taken by the Public Health Staff during the year.

	No. of Samples	Passed	Failed
Bacteriological examination of water	14	9	5

The Council maintained their policy, when considering applications for Improvement Grants under the Housing Acts that any water supply, not on public mains, was to be proved bacteriologically sound by the Public Health Department before grant aid could be proceeded with. In this connection nine samples were obtained from seven properties, six of which passed when sampled. The three failures were from two properties and in each case the owners were advised to apply for connections to public mains and they did so. Five samples were obtained from four other properties, three of which passed when sampled. The two failures were from one property and at the end of the year the owner had approached the North Devon Water Board for a mains supply. Negotiations proceeding at the end of last year by an owner with the Board for a supply to a property previously reported with a history of failures, were satisfactorily concluded and a mains supply was provided. The co-operation



of the North Devon Water Board in reaching agreement with owners for extensions often in remotely situated properties, not only indicates the extensive network of mains supplies in this Rural District, but enables developers to abandon polluted supplies, and be assured of wholesome water.

**Sewerage and Drainage**

1. Towns, villages and hamlets in the Rural District for which satisfactory systems have been provided are given with dates of completion. It should be pointed out that as building proceeds and development areas throughout the district are classified, the time is approaching when there will be a need for either extensions, or modernising of existing sewers and sewage plants.

Bratton Clovelly	1963
Bridestowe	1938
Chagford	1961
Crockernwell	1954
Drewsteignton	1965
Exbourne	1958
Folly Gate	1963
Hatherleigh	1963
Meeth	1968
Monkokehampton	1955
Northlew	1959
North Tawton	1962
Sampford Chapple	1964
Sampford Courtenay	1961
Sandy Park	1951
Sourton	1960
Sourton Down	1960
South Tawton & South Zeal	1934 with subsequent extensions and additions to disposal works in 1955.
Spreyton	1966
Sticklepath (South)	1960
Throwleigh	1970
Whiddon Down	1962

2. Villages with mains water available for which schemes have been prepared, or are in course of preparation, or where new schemes or extensions of existing, are envisaged.

**JACOBSTOWE**

A joint report by the Medical Officer of Health and Chief Public Health Inspector on the need for a scheme for sewerage and sewage disposal for the village was presented to the Council who decided that the Consulting Engineers be instructed to continue with the preparation of the documents for the scheme for submission to the Department of the Environment.

## BELSTONE/SOUTH TAWTON

The Council were informed the Department of the Environment had no technical comment to make on the Council's proposals which were approved and that tenders could be invited for carrying out the work. The District Valuer's report was accepted by the Council and steps were taken to acquire the land and easements referred to.

### 3. Sewerage (General). Items of Interest.

#### HATHERLEIGH

A negotiated tender for an extension of the sewer from the sewage disposal works to a new Council Housing Estate of 33 dwellings was accepted by the Council an application made to the Ministry for loan sanction for £2,122 and approved. The scheme was completed during the year. To overcome the risk of flooding in the Buddle Lane area the Consulting Engineers were asked for a report. This was received and negotiations were opened by the Chief Public Health Inspector with the Devon County Council on ways and means of undertaking an effective scheme.

#### BRIDESTOWE

The centre column of the sprinkler of the percolating filter became ineffective and a new centre column was obtained and fixed by the Public Health Department's manual employees.

#### CHAGFORD and NORTHLEW

New distributor arms for the sprinkler of percolating filters at each works were made up and fitted by a local Contractor.

#### SLUDGE DISPOSAL

The policy of adapting sludge drying beds into slow digestion tanks continued and most all disposal works were adapted for this method and sludge removed by tanker. This has assisted in improving final effluents, been welcomed by the Council's manual labour force, and enabled time saved in sludge removal and disposal to be allocated to better works maintenance both from the operational and tidiness view points.



## REPORT on SEWAGE SCHEMES

At the end of the year the Council considered a report from the Chief Public Health Inspector which gave particulars of schemes carried out in the various parishes and those which needed to be done, including enlargement of works and extensions of sewers. With the Belstone/South Tawton and Jacobstowe Schemes likely to proceed in the foreseeable future the preparation of other schemes would have to be related to the financial situation.

### Rodent and Pest Control

During the spring and autumn sewers were treated at Hatherleigh, North Tawton, South Zcal and South Tawton. Baiting points were laid in 161 manholes in the systems and only 9 takes recorded. Continued attention was given to Council installations, tips, sewage works and outfalls, and whilst the infestation in sewers was very slight very regular attention was necessary at the refuse tips to keep occasional infestations under control. Burning of refuse at the Whiddon Down Tip was stopped during the year because of complaints of offensive smells and it was thought that rat infestation would increase despite a measure of controlled tipping, but it had the opposite effect, although fly infestation had to be carefully watched.

### Refuse Collection

The Council's direct labour refuse collection service continued with little or no complaint but the effect of the Transport Act 1968 and its associated Regulations, became noticeable during the year. Rigid attention had to be given to the maintenance and roadworthy condition of the vehicles, and with the co-operation of the refuse employees, the service was kept going when major repairs were necessary.

The continued policy of clearance of litter from layby's on trunk and classified roads proceeded smoothly and this was extended to areas of the Dartmoor National Park. In each case negotiated payments were made to the Council for this service, and whilst there is a certain section of the public who can never be held as litter conscious, the general lack of visible litter proves the wisdom of this policy.

The Hatherleigh refuse tip was improved during the year and much more tipping space provided. At the same time adequate covering materials were obtained and stock-piled.

Development of a large area in the Goldburn Inwardleigh/Jacobstowe district was considered during the year for a refuse tip and application made for planning approval for the project.

### Tour of the District

Arrangements were made by the Chief Public Health Inspector, with the North Devon Water Board, for an official visit by the Council to the new Meldon Dam on Dartmoor which will create a new reservoir for the Board. The visit was made on 29th September 1970, and the Councillors were given a conducted tour of this big project.



## Inspection of the District and Public Health Services

The number of complaints received on Public Health matters and recorded was forty-four.

The following table sets out the inspections made by the Public Health Staff during the year.

Type of Premises	No. of Inspections	No. of Intimation Notices Served	No. of Intimation Notices Complied With
Houses Inspected ... ..	64	23	21
Reinspections ... ..	75	—	—
Premises other than those mentioned below ... ..	50	17	12
Food Premises ... ..	257	23	25
Refuse Disposal ... ..	255	2	2
Scavenging ... ..	127	—	—
Public Conveniences ... ..	134	—	—
Infectious Diseases ... ..	5	—	—
Water Supplies ... ..	25	3	—
Sewerage and Drainage ... ..	795	5	4
Rivers and Streams ... ..	42	6	5
Petroleum Acts ... ..	38	1	1
Slaughterhouses & Knacker's Yard ... ..	418	9	8
Rodent Control ... ..	114	1	1
Moveable Dwellings ... ..	27	—	—
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act ... ..	40	2	1
Animal Boarding Establish-ment ... ..	1	—	—
Civic Amenities Act ... ..	12	2	2
Waste Foods Order ... ..	1	—	—
Factory Acts ... ..	31	4	3
Pets Act ... ..	2	—	—
Explosives Act ... ..	2	1	1
Rent Act ... ..	2	—	—
Poultry Regulations ... ..	2	—	—
Miscellaneous ... ..	89	—	—
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## Factories Act

Tables relating to these Acts will be found at the end of the report.

## SECTION "D"

### HOUSING

**Individual Unfit Houses—Year ended 31st December, 1970**

#### HOUSES NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARANCE AREAS

	Number of Houses	Persons Displaced
1. Demolition and Closing Orders Housing Act 1957.		
(a) Houses demolished as a result of formal procedure under Section 17 (1) or informally ... ..	4	6
(b) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	—	—
(c) Houses, or parts of houses, closed under Section (4) and 18 (1) ... ..	7	13
2. Repairs.		
Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit during the year as a result of informal action by the Local Authority under the Housing Acts ... ..	44	
(Included in this number are 20 houses improved by aid of Standard Improvement Grants and 3 by Discretionary Improvement Grants).		

I am indebted to Mr. L. G. Bailey (the Surveyor and Engineer) for the following information:

#### **Town and Country Planning Acts, 1947/68**

Applications for development under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947/68, the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations, 1960, the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, and Building Regulations 1965, have been received over the past twelve months as follows:—

Alterations and Conversions	213
Farm Buildings	74
Advertisements	19
Public Works	24
New Dwellings	73
Caravans	15
TOTAL	358

Of the above total, forty-four (44) applications have been refused.

#### **Private Enterprise**

Private enterprise produced nineteen (19) new dwellings during the year.

#### **Improvement Grants**

The number of applications for Standard and Improvement Grants under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1949; Section 30 of the Housing (Financial

Provisions) Act, 1958; the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 with amendments; and the Housing Act, 1969, totals 920. Of this total 570 have received approval, 101 have been disapproved and 249 have been considered in outline and have either been withdrawn or formal applications are awaited.

### COUNCIL HOUSES IN THE RURAL DISTRICT

Parish	Situation	No. of Total No. Dwellings in Parish	
BEAWORTHY	Black Hill	2	
	Patchcott	2	4
BELSTONE	Ton Down	6	6
BONDLEIGH	Village	4	4
BRATTON CLOVELLY	Beech Cottages	3	
	Church Meadow	8	11
BRIDESTOWE	Princess Elizabeth Terrace	8	
	Brid Close	4	12
BROADWOODKELLY	The Villas	4	
	Splatt	1	5
CHAGFORD	Dennis Park	33	
	Biera View	8	
	Orchard Meadow	35	
	New Street	4	80
DREWSTEIGNTON	Lamb's Park	4	
	Knowle Lane	4	
	Turnpike Road		
	Whiddon Down	4	
	Exeter Road		
	Whiddon Down	4	16
EXBOURNE	Cawsand View	3	
	The Shrubbery	6	9
GERMANSWEEK	—	—	—
GIDLEIGH	—	—	—
HATHERLEIGH	Moor View	20	
	Higher Street	6	
	Normandy Place	4	
	Claremont Place	20	50
HIGHAMPTON	High View	2	2
IDDESLEIGH	Winkleigh View	4	4
INWARDLEIGH	Misdon Cottages, Folly Gate	6	
	New Road, Folly Gate	23	29
JACOBSTOWE	—	—	—
MEETH	Station Road	10	10
MONKOKEHAMPTON	East View	2	2
NORTHLEW	Costloes	4	
with ASHBURY	Moor View	6	10



Parish	Situation	No. of Dwellings	Total No. in Parish
NORTH TAWTON ...	Barton Hill ...	16	
	Fore Street ...	8	
	Essington — Arundell Road	20	
	Gowmans ...	14	
	North Street ...	1	59
OKEHAMPTON HAMLETS ...	Chichacott ...	4	
	Peacewater ...	2	6
SAMPFORD	Four Acres ...	4	
COURTENAY ...	Station View ...	4	
	Cross Hill, Tongue End ...	2	
	Queens Haye, Sticklepath	6	16
SOURTON ...	Broad View ...	4	
	Windard Terrace ...	6	
	Cord Ridge View, Sourton Down ...	6	16
SOUTH TAWTON ...	Hill Crest ...	8	
	Cross Park, South Zeal ...	10	
	The Croft, South Zeal ...	24	
	Hillfield, South Zeal ...	40	
	Barn Close, Whiddon Down	10	92
SPREYTON ...	Cross Meadow ...	6	
	Spreyton Close ...	4	10
THROWLEIGH ...	Clampitts ...	6	
	Higher Hay ...	2	8
TOTAL ...			461

## SECTION "E"

### Inspection and Supervision of Food

#### Food Premises

The number of food premises classified as within the scope of the Food, Hygiene Regulations is as follows:—

Hotels, Public Houses and Inn ...	50
Schools and other Canteens ...	15
Cafes, Restaurants and Guest Houses ...	23
Food Shops ...	42
Bed and Breakfast Premises ...	48
Bakeries ...	7
Butchers Shops ...	12
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The number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955 is:—

Ice Cream ...	58
Preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted or pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale ...	10

### **Disposal of Condemned Food**

Unsound meat from slaughterhouses continued to be sent to manufacturers, in sealed containers, for processing, and at the two larger slaughterhouses a very regular removal was provided. The very small quantity of unsound canned goods, surrendered as unfit for human consumption, was disposed of at the refuse tips.

### **Food and Drugs Act, 1955 (Food Hygiene Regulations)**

Regular inspections were made of all classes of premises coming within this category and in no case was any serious breach of the Regulations found or the need to recommend statutory action. The frequent visit seems the best deterrent to bad food hygiene.

One problem today is the use of layby's and road verges for roadside trading. Mobile snack bars and open stalls selling all kinds of foodstuffs, operate in the holiday season, and a complaint received from the owner of a Cafe/Restaurant on this matter illustrated the point of unfair competition and the risk of public health nuisances.

Apart from these considerations difficulties are always experienced on the right to stop and trade and which authority can deal with it. It seems clear that there is no adequate control on the siting of such vehicles and stalls, and it is thought to be a matter that needs legislation to deal with it.

### **Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947-1952**

The manufacture of ice cream on a small scale continued at premises at Hatherleigh during the summer months. Inspections made of the conditions of manufacture and cleanliness gave no cause for complaint.

#### **Ice Cream**

One application for registration of premises for the sale of ice cream was approved by the Council.

#### **Unsound Food**

Five certificates were issued during the year resulting in 82-lbs. 14½-ozs. of unsound food being surrendered by the owners for disposal from places other than slaughterhouses, the main item being the condemnation of foods in a deep freeze refrigerator which had broken down over a weekend.

#### **Slaughterhouses**

Hatherleigh Devon Meat Ltd., the Company operating the recently constructed abattoir remained under a Receiver and Manager during most of the year but the Council were informed that on 18th December 1970 the premises would be sold to The Chard Wholesale Meat Supply Co. Ltd, of Chard. A licence was issued to the representative of the new Company and the effect of the changeover was under discussion at the end of the year.

During the year the slaughterhouse at Exbourne also changed hands and was taken over by Messrs. William Speak (Farms) Ltd, whose local address was Railway Farm, North Tawton, to whom a licence was granted. A revision of the permitted hours of slaughter was agreed between the Council and the licensee and the following hours came into operation on 27th April, 1970:—

7 a.m.—4 p.m. on Monday to Friday inclusive of each week.

The licensee expressed his willingness to improve the access to the slaughterhouse and planning approval was sought.

# Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	<i>Cattle excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
Number Killed (if known)	16,253	6,773	291	46,791	5,430
Number inspected	16,253	6,773	291	46,791	5,430
All diseases ex. Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: whole carcasses condemned	40	21	20	392	16
carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2409	5,496	3	14,868	763
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerci	15.06 %	81.45 %	7.90 %	32.61 %	14.34 %
Tuberculosis only: whole carcasses con- demned	—	—	—	—	—
carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	121
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	2.22 %
Cysticercosis: carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	9	31	—	—	—
carcasses submitted to treatment by refri- geration	—	—	—	—	—
generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—



## Meat Inspection

The number of carcasses inspected at private slaughterhouses in the Rural District was 75,538 the figure being made up as follows:—

Bovines	...	...	...	23,026	(Including 12,442 stirks)
Calves	...	...	...	291	
Sheep and Lambs	...	...	...	46,791	
Pigs	...	...	...	5,430	
				<hr/> 75,538 <hr/>	

Compared with the total figure of 98,418 in 1968 and 82,773 in 1969, there was a further drop in the total number of animals killed of 7,235. The total weight of meat and offal condemned during the year was 83 tons 15 cwt 104 lbs compared with 99 tons 9 cwt 46 lbs. in 1969.

## Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958

Twenty two applications were received for licences, or renewal of licenses, to slaughter or stun animals and in all cases they were granted.

## Knackers Yard (Hatherleigh)

Regular visits were made to these premises which were well conducted.

## Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

The total number of registered premises at the end of the year were:—

Premises		Number of persons employed
Offices	...	65
Retail Shops	...	63
Wholesale Warehouses	...	—
Catering Establishments	...	30
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		38
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		Males 91
		Females 62

Forty inspections of these premises were carried out.

## SECTION "F"

### Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases

#### Tuberculosis

One new case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis was notified. The Register now stands as follows:—

Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
Male	Female	Male	Female
14	11	2	—

**Infectious Diseases notified by Medical Practioners**

					Measles		Infective Jaundice
					Male	Female	Male
Under 1 year	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
1 —	...	...	...	...	2	1	—
2 —	...	...	...	...	3	1	—
3 —	...	...	...	...	2	—	—
4 —	...	...	...	...	1	—	—
5 — 9	...	...	...	...	3	7	1
10 — 14	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
15 — 24	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
25+ ...	...	...	...	...	—	1	—
Unknown	...	...	...	...	1	1	—
					12	11	1

**Infectious Diseases in Schools**

The following cases were notified:—

		German Measles	Mumps
Sticklepath County Primary	...	3	15
South Tawton County Primary	...	—	1
Spreyton County Primary	...	1	—
TOTAL		4	16

**Food Poisoning**

No cases of food poisoning occurred.

**Leptospirosis**

Occurred in a farmer who made a good recovery from this ratborne disease.

**Brucellosis**

Brucella Abortus culture was positive in a milk sample from one farm only. The farmer sent all his milk for Pasteurization and the infected cow was slaughtered.

## Salmonellosis

1. **Salmonella Dublin** was reported by the Divisional Veterinary Officer in 15 farms, in one case repeated infections over 6 months.
2. **Salmonella Typhimurium** infection, of more serious importance to humans, was reported in 2 cows in 2 farms. In each case milk all went for heat treatment, and the family boiled milk for their own consumption. No cases occurred among human contacts fortunately

## FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. Inspections for Purposes of Provisions as to **Health**.  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		Occupiers Prosecuted
		Inspections	Written Notices	
(i) Factories in which 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	—	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	31	31	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Out-workers' premises).	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	31	31	—	—



2. Cases in which Defects were found:

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	3	3	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences :					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for the sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	4	3	—	—	—

### 3. Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

<i>Nature of Work</i>	SECTION 133			SECTION 134		
	<i>Number of Out-workers in August list required by section 133 (1) (c)</i>	<i>Number of cases of default in sending lists to Council</i>	<i>Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</i>	<i>Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises</i>	<i>Notices served</i>	<i>Prosecutions</i>
Wearing Apparel (making etc.)	2	—	—	—	—	—
Knitting    ...    ...	1	—	—	—	—	—
Glove Making    ...    ...	—	—	—	—	—	—



**OKEHAMPTON RURAL DISTRICT WATER SUPPLIES (1970)**

PARISH	Whether the water supply of the area and its several parts has been satisfactory (a) in quality (b) in quantity	Where there is a piped supply, whether bacteriological examinations were made of the raw water and, where treatment is installed, of the water going into supply: if so, how many and the results obtained of any chemical analyses	Where the waters are liable to have plumboligand, the facts as to contamination by lead, including precautions taken and results of analyses	Action in respect of any form of contamination	Particulars of the number of dwellinghouses and the number of the population supplied from public water mains (a) direct to the houses (b) by means of standpipes		
					No. of Dwellinghouses		
					Main	Standpipe	Total Population
ASHBURY with NORTHLEW	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	177	—	531
BEAWORTHY	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory		N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	53	—	159
BELSTONE	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply 10 samples taken— satisfactory	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	106	—	318
BONDLEIGH	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	38	—	114
BRATTON CLOVELLY	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	113	—	339
BRIDESTOWE	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	147	—	441
BROADWOOD-KELLY	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	55	—	165
CHAGFORD	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply 16 samples taken 2 unsatisfactory from emergency source	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	425	—	1,275
DREWS-TEIGNTON	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply 10 samples taken— satisfactory	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	147	—	441
EXBOURNE	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply 3 samples taken— satisfactory	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	113	—	339
GERMANS-WEEK	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	40	—	120
GIDLEIGH	(a) Un-satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	No piped supply Private supply only	Nil	Nil	3	—	9
HATHERLEIGH	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply 5 samples taken— satisfactory	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	385	—	1,155
HIGHAMPTON	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	55	—	165
IDDESEIGH	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	60	—	180
INWARDLEIGH	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	110	—	330
JACOBSTOWE	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply 1 sample taken— satisfactory	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	24	—	72
MEETH	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	43	—	129
MONK-OKEHAMPTON	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	50	—	150
NORTH-TAWTON	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply 22 samples taken— satisfactory	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	465	—	1,395
OKEHAMPTON HAMLETS	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	37	—	111
SAMPFORD COURTENAY	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	170	—	510
SOURTON	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	102	—	306
SOUTH-TAWTON	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	397	—	1,191
SPREYTON	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	102	—	306
THROWLEIGH	(a) Satisfactory (b) Satisfactory	Piped supply	N.D.W.B.	N.D.W.B.	73	—	219

Samples were taken from the sources of supply as follows:

BELSTONE: 23 samples taken—all satisfactory  
 WEST OKEMENT: 39 samples taken—all satisfactory  
 Upon re-sampling, all unsatisfactory samples showed negative results.







